

Rule-making Fact Sheet
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Chapter Number and Rule Title: 10-149-5, Office of Elder Services Policy Manual
Section 69 Office of Elder Services Administered Homemaker Services

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Building, 442 Civic Center Drive, Augusta

Comment Deadline: June 12, 2006 5:00PM

Principal reason or purpose for proposing this rule: These are routine technical rule amendments. They transfer responsibility for determination of eligibility from the Homemaking Agency to the Assessing Services Agency and set forth the responsibilities of the Assessing Services Agency. The Assessing Services Agency is the entry point for long term care services. This change frees up administrative overhead for the Homemaking Agency without incurring additional cost; provides data collection on consumers entering the long-term care system at this level of care; provides greater consistency to other long term care programs; and separates eligibility determination and care planning. A definition of Assessing Services Agency has been added. These amendments also eliminate the Task Time Allowances to allow more flexibility for consumers in the scope of covered services. These amendments also allow the Homemaking Agency to adjust the authorized plan of care within the monthly cap to meet an unexpected need of a consumer for up to 30 days at which time a revision must be requested. These amendments add a definition of Significant Change to provide for an unscheduled assessment.

Analysis and expected operation of the rule: Responsibility for eligibility determinations will be transferred from the Homemaking Agency to the Assessing Services Agency. The use of the Task Time Guidelines will not be required in the authorization of the plan of care.

Fiscal impact of the rule: Neutral with respect to the General Fund.

Individuals or groups affected and benefits of the rule changes: Consumers will be assessed for initial and continued eligibility by the Authorized Assessing Services Agency instead of the Authorized Homemaking Agency.